

Leominster Feb 15th 1846

Dear Mrs Chapman

Your letter of Feb 11th & the books came safe
I am truly grateful to you for the copy you were so kind as to send
me. It was the more acceptable being entirely unexpected. I feel a great
satisfaction in possessing the book. especially as it ~~was~~ a gift from you.
but should feel much happier in the possession of it were I more
justly entitled to it. I have sent Miss B. to her, I was so much gratified
to have Miss made sensible of the mistake, ^{or rather that there was a mistake} (I sent her your letter) that
I could hardly give a thought to my book, she had seemed rather inclined
to think that Miss Blodgett had proved herself better entitled to considerate
than herself - I felt quite sure that was not the case, & am glad you
have proved it was not. I can hardly tell which I prize the most the
Liberty Bell, or your truly inspiring letters. It was very cheering to me.
I consider every letter I receive from you (like the Liberty) another stone of
food for my hungry soul. With regard our 'circle' receiving the
Liberty - there are but three of us to compose the circle & each of us
take it now & circulate it. Miss Richardson leaves town soon & then Mrs
Smith & myself will be all that remain, & we do not feel able to
subscribe for another number, we will make every effort to get
some more subscribers. I think if you would send a copy to Mrs
Olive Hastings of Lancaster & write her, it would do better as there
is not a copy taken in the town now as I am told, Mrs G. intends to
subscribe for it soon. She has taken Pilshurys Herald for a long time -
My husband & myself have received a circular & are doing our best to raise
funds for the agencies. We are very happy in the prospect, for we have a
noble beginning - collected eight dollars in three hours. I hope it will hold out like this
to the end. tripling as this appears - it is wonderful for Leominster I trust she may
yet be redeemed from her iniquity.

Very Gratefully Yours Jeff, Drake

I donot know as I do right to direct your letters to
25 Cornhill, when I have a private conveyance
for them it is more convenient to leave them there

Mrs Maria W. Chapman

Boston

25 Cornhill

May

J. H. Doake
Feb 15. 1846.
Liberty Bell